

Lake of the Pines
Association

Memo

To: Sean Bothelio, General Manager
From: Rick Fowler, Operations Manager *RF*
cc: Golf Committee, Jeff Hill, Nick Hoisington, Pat Shaw, Paul Brown
Date: September 22, 2023
Re: September Golf Course Maintenance Update

During the month of September several projects were started or completed by BrightView, Contractors, or Public Works Staff. Below is a summary of the work that has been performed since the May 2023 Golf Course Maintenance Update:

COMPLETIONS

- The Hole 6 green tee box was expanded by approximately 63%; concrete stairs and a hand railing was installed; new Bermuda grass SOD was installed; a new bunker was installed on the left side of the fairway; the old round bunker was removed, and SOD installed; the other larger existing bunker was enlarged; the new bunker sand was installed in both bunkers; split rail fencing was installed on the cart path by where the bunker was removed, up to the top of the hill to redirect golf carts away from the slippery slope; and lastly, staff installed landscaping around the green tee box with the funds donated by the Lady 18ers and it is now opened for play.
- Staff are working with Steve Ourada to survey the elevations for the ponds design layout on Hole 12. This is on the Golf Committee Priority list and can be accomplished in-house for around \$10,000. We have all the equipment to install the ponds. The current plan is to intercept the irrigation system for the time-of-day water supply to pump lake water to the upper pond, and back down the creek bed into the second pond, then back into the lake again. Staff are also looking at removing the willow tree by the lake and expanding the lake into the fairway along the creek bed some undetermined distance. Also, by expanding the blue tee box back several yards and making it a blue/white combo tee option and with the addition of the two ponds, it will make the hole much more of a layup approach second

shot. After Steve and me layout the ponds in "paint" we will ask all involved to take a look and comment.

- The bunker on the back of Hole 10 was filled-in and SOD was installed last week.
- The large grass bunker on the right side of Hole 18 green was filled in with seven dump truck loads of fill dirt and fescue SOD was installed to cover the area the week the course was closed for aeration.
- Sean created a new SharePoint file to document golf course maintenance issues. It includes detailed descriptions, GPS locations, photos, priorities, corrective actions, and completion dates. This new file will be shared by Public Works, Pro-Shop, and Brightview to aid in identifying and tracking golf course issues. The app is also on our phones so that we can document an issue anytime we see a problem.
- Staff has begun cleaning-up behind Hole 12 Blue tee box in preparation of expanding that tee box back further.
- See my attached Project list "Update" for further details on a hole-by-hole summary. Staff is planning on completing all of these items and I now have staff to perform the work.

To-Do List

- At the June Board meeting, the Board approved the purchase of new greens and a new fairway mower. They are on-order but not expected for at least 6 months.
- Staff will begin installing phosphorous absorber bags in the creek beds next to the cart paths on holes 12, 13, and 14. These are a part of the overall lake management program to limit chemical contamination entering the lake. Phosphorous is a major contributor to algae and weed growth. The plan is to add more along the cart path creek bottom as we expand our Sediment Traps.
- Public Works will fix the landscaping behind Hole 12 Blue/White tee box, the landscaping on the right side of Hole 14 green by the benches, and behind the Hole 18 White tee box.
- We will still be adding an improvement to the old green tee box on Hole 3 to make it easier to access the new green tee.

Golf Committee Priority List **Update from Rick Fowler**

September 2023

Bunkers:

- # 6 - Remove the round bunker and expand the other fairway bunker; **Complete & roped off until grass roots.**
- # 6 - Install a new bunker on the left side of fairway, across from the one just removed; **Completed.**
- #10 - Remove/fill in bunker on the back side of Green; **Completed and roped off until SOD roots.**
- # 11 - Remove/fill in bunker on the right side of Green; **Completed.**
- # 15 – Relocate/partial fill bunker on right side of Green;
- # 15 - Relocate/partial fill bunker on left side of Green;
- # 17 - Remove/fill in bunker on the left side of Green; **(On hold until Spring 2024)**
- # 18 - Remove/fill in bunker on the right side of Green; **Completed and roped off until SOD roots.**

Hole Modifications:

- #1- Cut the rough behind the green shorter to allow balls hit over the green a chance to roll back; **Completed**
- #2 -Raise the turf on the back left of the green to prevent balls from rolling down the hill; **BV in progress**
- #2 – Add cart Path to new PAR 4 Tee Box; **Needs Funding source.**
- #3 – Re-aim the current Blue, White and Red tee box and install a new green tee box; **Completed**
- #3 – Install a turnout at old green tee box and install a path to the new green tee box;
- #4 – Enlarge the Green Tee box;
- #6 – Enlarge the Green Tee box; **Completed and opened for play.**
- #6 – Install Lady 18er provided landscaping to Green Tee box; **Completed**
- #6- Cut the rough behind the green shorter to allow balls hit over the green a chance to roll back; **Completed**
- #8 - Install new irrigation on the left side of the far fairway;
- #10 – Expand Blue/White Tee box left of its current location;
- #11- Trim trees on right side at turn to improve playability;
- # 12 – Extend the blue tee box 5 yards for a blue/white combo tee; **Vegetation removal started.**
- # 16 - Remove fairway hump about 100 yards out; **Completed and roped off.**
- Alt #17- Provide yardage signage at tee box;
- #17 – Relocate White Tee box to the left side of the cart path, between Alt #17 green and the creek;

Green expansion similar to what was done for Hole #11: All greens expansions are dependent on Major Project Installations

#4- Expand left side and back;

#10- Expand left side and back;

#14- Expand back right in front of current berm;

#3- Complete during the major project;

Green modifications / Major Projects: LOP has funds budgeted for one hole per year but Staff currently has many conflicting priorities; (I am recommending doing Hole 12 this fall, and Hole 17 next spring) We will paint out the pond locations & get golfers comments in the next several weeks.

#3 – Cutback hill on left side and level out the fairway; create fairway berm on right side to keep balls in play;

#12- Create water feature in front of existing green; Researching and can install in-house this year. Steve Ourata and I will layout possible pond locations for the Committee to review.

#17- Relocate green right and forward of current location; Workload issues will wait until Spring 2024.

#18 -Relocate green in front of where the cart path crosses fairway (Per Master Plan);

Creek bed Sediment traps

#12 – Install larger trap near cart path & add phosphorous absorbers;

#13 - Install larger trap near cart path & add phosphorous absorbers;

#14 – Install three (3) traps along fairway creek & repair drainage & add phosphorous absorbers;

